done in respect of properties requisitioned by other Ministries Deptt. of the Central Govt.

(b) Does not arise.

Promotion of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe Candidates in C.P.W.D

3987. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that C.P.W.D. had promoted 139 Junior Engineers (Civil) to the post of Assistant Engineers (Civil) vide Office Order No. 210 and 230 dated 10th May, 1977 and 1st July, 1977 including 26 of Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe candidates;

(b) whether it is also a fact that except Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe all the general candidates had further been promoted to higher grade as Executive Engineer; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir. As a matter of fact 133 Junior Engineers (Civil) including 23 belonging to SC/ST category were promoted to the post of Assistant Engineer (Civil) vide Office Order No. 330 dated 01.07.1977.

(b) No, Sir. In fact the seniority of the officers promoted vide order dated 01.07.1977 underwent change when regular year-wise panels for promotion to the grade of Assistant Engineer (Civil) were prepared in 1986 for the years 1973 and onwards. Depending upon revised seniority position and based on their service record candidate belonging to general as well as SC/ST categories have been promoted as Executive Engineer (Civil) in their turn.

(c) Question does not arise in view of above.

Promotion of Asstt. Engineer in Central Public Works Department

3988. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Department of C.P.W.D. had promoted 232 Assistant Engineers (Civil) to the post of Executive Engineer from 8/90 to 11/92 in Diecemeals but only, 3 SC/ST Assistant Engineers (Civil) figured in the lists of promotion instead of 76 while more than 90 Assistant Engineers (Civil) belonging to SC/ST were available; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Between August, 1990 and November 1992, 237 Assistant Engineers (Civil) have been promoted on *ad-hoc* basis as Executive Engineers (Civil). This includes 8 Assistant Engineers (Civil) belonging to the S.C. 60 vacancies were reserved for Assistant Engineer (Civil) belonging to the SC/ST. In accordance with the instructions issued by the Goverment SC/ ST officers who are within the zone of promotion are to be considered for vacancies reserved for them and if sufficient number of SC/ST officers are not available, the zone of consideration is to be extended to 5 times the number of vacancies and, within the extended zone, only SC/ST officers are to be considered for promotion. Only 32 SC/ST officers figured in the zone of consideration meant for vacancies reserved for them and, out of them, 23 SC/ST Assistant Engineers have been empanelled for *ad-hoc* promotion, based on their service records. As already mentioned, 8 SC/ST Assistant Engineers have been promoted and the remaining 15 are included in the panel and awaiting promotion.